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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S VIEWS ON AFRICAN ISSUES

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1. SUMMARY: IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR PRESIDENT SENGHOR COMMENTED MAY 14 ON THREE BORDER DISPUTES THAT ARE OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN TO GOS: MALI-UPPER VOLTA FRONTIER PROBLEM; SENEGAL'S DISPUTE WITH MAURITANIA OVER RIVERLINE BORDER CLAIMS; AND ISSUE OF CABINDA. HE ALSO COMMENTED ON ISSUE OF DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

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2. ON MALI-UPPER VOLTA FRONTIER PROBLEMS, AMB REITERATED

USG CONCERN TO SEE THAT MAXIMUM EFFORT MADE BY MEDIATION COMMISSION AND CONTESTING STATES THEMSELVES TO AVOID RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES. SENGHOR SAID HE FELT SOME PROGRESS WAS BEING ACHIEVED BY COMMISSION AND MILITARY SUB-COMMISSION AND HOPED THAT NATIONALS OF ONE STATE BEING HELD BY OTHER MIGHT BE RELEASED SOON. HE CONTINUED TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES WITH BOTH PRESIDENTS LAMIZANA AND MOUSSA TRAORE; LATTER TRANSITED DAKAR MAY 12. IN THAT REGARD, AS PRESIDENT OF CEAO, HE PLANNED VISITS TO BAMAKO AND OUAGADOUGOU AROUND JUNE 14.

3. PRESIDENT DWELLED ON QUESTION OF HIS DISPUTE WITH PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAAH OVER WHETHER RIVERLINE BOUNDARY SHOULD REMAIN ALONG RIGHT BANK OF SENEGAL RIVER. PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD SHARE CORRESPONDENCE WITH AMB ON THIS SUBJECT. APPARENTLY MALIAN PRESIDENT TRAORE HAS MEDIATING ROLE IN THIS DISPUTE ABOUT WHICH GOS OFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY HAVE MADE ONLY PASSING MENTION TO EMBASSY. SENGHOR SAID HE ACCEPTED MOUSSA TRAORE'S THESIS THAT DISPUTED AREA WOULD BE INTERNATIONALIZED IN ANY EVENT WHEN OMVS IN FULL OPERATION. MOST SURPRISING ELEMENT IN PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT WAS STRENGTH OF HIS INSISTENCE THAT, WHILE WILLING TO ACCEPT INTERNATIONALIZATION OF MAURITANIAN/SELEGALESE BORDER DISAGREEMENT, GOS WOULD NOT SACRIFICE ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND WOULD REACT WITH FORCE BEFORE IT WOULD ALLOW MAURITANIA TO SHIFT BORDER TO APPLY GIRM CUSTOMS REGULATIONS ON ISLAND WHICH INHABITED BY SENEGALESE.

4. SENGHOR CRITICIZED WHAT HE TERMED PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S IMPERIALIST AMBITIONS TOWARD CABINDA, AN ATTITUDE HE SAID MOTUBU SHARED WITH CONGOLESE PRESIDENT NGOUABI. SENEGAL HAD BEEN CONSISTENT IN SUPPORTING OAU PRINCIPLE OF ACCEPTING COLONIAL BORDERS FOR DELINEATING FRONTIERS OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT NATIONS. CABINDA FOR YEARS HAD BEEN PART OF ANGOLA, AND GOS, WHICH OPPOSED SECESSION OF KATANGA, BIAFRA, AND ERITREA, WOULD OPPOSE MOVES OF EITHER ZAIRE OR CONGO TO ANNEX THAT PORTUGUESE TERRITORY.

5. SENGHOR SAID CURRENT SITUATION IN ANGOLA WAS DANGEROUS ONE. MOVEMENTS SHOULD MERGE AND FORM SINGLE  
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DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY AS SENEGAL DID WITH UPS. HE SAID HE HAD ALREADY MET WITH HOLDEN ROBERTO'S (FLNA) REPRESENTATIVES AND SAVIMBI (UNITA) AND WOULD MEET MAY 14 WITH MPLA LEADERS JOSE DOS SANTOS, PAULO JORGE, AND PEDRO ALVES CURRENTLY VISITING DAKAR.

6. IN REPLY TO AMB'S QUERY, SENGHOR SAID HIS POSITION ON THE DAR ES SALAAM OAU FONMIN'S DECISION ON DIALOGUE WITH

SOUTH AFRICA IS THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY NOT TO EXCLUDE HIS SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO CONTINUE HIS CONTACTS WITH SA PRIMIN VORSTER. HE REPORTED THAT VORSTER HAD NOT YET REPLIED TO HIS PROPOSAL TO SEND A GROUP OF JURISTS TO SA TO CONSULT WITH VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION AND INDICATED, FOR THE FIRST TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THAT ONE OF SENEGAL'S CONDITIONS HAD BEEN LIBERATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. SENGHOR SAID THAT PART OF CRITICISM CONCERNING POLICY OF CONTACT AND DIALOGUE HAD BEEN PROVOKED BY NORTH AFRICANS WHO, AT SAME TIME WERE UNWILLING TO TAKE TRADE EMBARGO SERIOUSLY. FOR EXAMPLE WHEN SENEGAL STOPPED SELLING PHOSOPHATES TO SOUTH AFRICA, MOROCCO DID NOT HESITATE TO MOVE INTO THAT MARKET.

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